

RULES IN REGARD TO LETTERS TO GO BEYOND THE LINES.—In order to secure the transmission of letters across the lines, the following rules, established by an order of General Dix, must be complied with:

1. No letters must exceed one page of a letter sheet, or relate to any other than purely domestic matters.

2. Every letter must be signed with the writer's name in full.

3. All letters must be sent with five cents postage enclosed, if to go to Richmond, and ten cents if beyond.

4. All letters must be enclosed to the Commanding General of the Department of Virginia, to Fortress Monroe. No letter sent to any other address will be forwarded.

All letters sent to Fortress Monroe without a strict compliance with these rules, except for prisoners of war, will be transmitted to the Dead Letter Office.

Mr. Charles H. Poumairat, of the firm of Poumairat & McCulley, died suddenly on Saturday afternoon, at his residence in Baltimore. He was largely engaged in supplying the government with provisions for the army.

Information having reached the Secretary of the Interior that the convicts of the Albany, N. Y. prison from the District of Columbia were suffering from too severe toil, he sent George C. Whiting, Esq., of the Interior Department, to report facts. At Albany convicts are not allowed to talk during work, or indulge in amusements; while here they could work for themselves after doing a certain task, and could talk among themselves, &c. Judge Usher may be required to decide what kind of prison treatment is best calculated to benefit the criminal.

General Burnside has issued a General Order relating to the contraband question in Kentucky. The citizens of that State are to be protected in the possession of their negroes, but contrabands from other States, entitled to their freedom under the President's proclamation, are to be protected by the military authorities. All sales of such persons, under what are called the "civil laws of Kentucky," are declared void and of no effect.

The sales of petroleum at the Merchant's Exchange, in New York, on Saturday, were about twenty thousands barrels, all at advanced prices. The market generally is very active.

On Thursday, by way of England, intelligence was received in N. Y. of the ship King Lear from Hong Kong, on the 18th of February, bound for San Francisco, and on Friday a dispatch was received from the latter place, announcing her safe arrival. The news made the circumference of the world in seventy-one days, the quickest time on record.

A recent date from South America brings intelligence that the question between Brazil and Peru, which threatened the peace of both countries, has been amicably settled.

HENRY COOK tenders his sincere thanks to the U. States Steam Fire Company and citizens, for their very prompt and effectual aid in extinguishing the fire on his premises this morning. my 4—1t

WANTED TO HIRE, immediately, a neat HOUSE, by a careful family, willing to improve the same. Apply to or address J. T. CREIGHTON, esq., corner of King and Royal streets, stating number of rooms, location of house, and rent. my 4—3t*

The regular monthly meeting of the **Friendship Fire Company**, will be held on Monday evening next, May 4th, at 7 o'clock. By order: J. H. DEVAUGHAN, Recording Secretary. my 2—2t

NEW CONFEDERATE GUNBOAT.

NEW YORK, May 4.—The Mobile Telegraph of the 24th ult., has been received here. There is no news in it, excepting that a monster gunboat has been completed at Montgomery, and will soon leave for Mobile to be plated and armed.

From Havana.

NEW YORK, May 4.—The steamer Roanoke arrived this morning on the 29th. The brig Holland arrived from St. Jago on the 20th.—She reports that on the morning of the 17th she was spoken by the Alabama, which steered westerly.

Vera Cruz dates to the 17th state that Puebla, up to that time, had not been taken by the French.

Three attacks on Fort St. Xavier had been made. The French were repulsed each time, when the Mexicans abandoned it.

The gunboat Vanderbilt sailed from St. Jago on the 25th ultimo. The Steamer Gen. Buekner, and Schooner Helena, both from Mobile with cotton, arrived at Havana on the 27th.

Capture of the Retribution.

NEW YORK, May 3.—The brig Leonidas has arrived here, and reports that she was chased into St. Domingo by the Retribution which waited three days off that port for the Leonidas. On the fourth day the Federal gunboat Alabama came down and captured the Retribution.

From Missouri.

ST. LOUIS, May 3.—Advices from Capt. Girardeau say that the Confederates under Marmaduke, after having their rear assailed twice, and suffering severe loss, finally escaped across White Water river, burning all the bridges behind them, and disappearing by various roads in the direction of Chaff bluffs, on the Arkansas line.

DIED.

At the Mansion House Hospital, in this city, on Sunday night, the 3d inst., of wounds, GELLESPIE THORNWELL, son of the late Rev. Dr. Thornwell, of Richmond district, S. C.

In Washington, on the 1st instant, after an illness of six days, in his 23d year, JOHN F. CALLAN, jr., second son of John F. and Sarah A. Callan.

In Washington, on the 2d instant, MARY ANN WILLIAMS, in the 79th year of her age.

In Georgetown, D. C., on the 2d instant, Mrs. ELIZA T. O'BRIEN, the daughter of the late John and Ann McQuillan, in the 38th year of her age.

In Washington, on the 3d inst., EDWARD D. COE, in the 21st year of his age.

In Alexandria, of consumption, on Friday morning, May 1st, EDWIN HENRY, aged 36 years.

WANTED.—A SETTLED WOMAN, to do the work of a small family; must be honest, and a good washer and ironer. To one that can come well recommended, good wages and a permanent home is offered. Apply at No. 26 North Royal street. my 1—3t

NOTICE.

The steamers YOUNG AMERICA and MARY F. RAPLEY, will on MONDAY, May 4th, commence making their 7 a. m. trips. E. S. TALBOT, Captain of Young America. THOS. STACKPOLE, Captain of Mary F. Rapley. my 2—1w

FOR RENT.—A very eligible, well furnished OFFICE, in the second story of my building, on King street. Apply to J. M. STEWART. my 2—3t

WANTED.—To Rent or Purchase—a MELODEON. Address H. W. B., P. O., Box 408. my 1—2w*

NIXON'S AMPHITHEATRE, KING STREET, NEAR ROYAL.

Re-opened for two afternoons and nights, on Monday and Tuesday, May 4th and 5th, with NIXON'S

GREAT GYMNASTIC COMPANY, in a splendid entertainment, in which appears the famous

A R A B T R O U P E,

consisting of five performers, (male and female) who have created such an immense sensation at Barnum's Museum, New York, will appear.

The charming Songstress,

MISS FANNY FORREST,

in her beautiful ballads.

First appearance of

MISS JOSEPHINE DEVINIER,

the celebrated female Blondin and Danseuse, who will appear on the tight wire, and a favorite dance.

JIMMY REYNOLDS, and

SAM. LATHROP,

in their comicallies and comic songs.

MR. EATON STONE,

the greatest living equestrian, on his untamed steed, as the Gladiator.

MR. CAMPBELL.

MR. WEBB.

MR. HORACE NICHOLS,

Maitre de Cirque, And a host of others.

ADMISSION.—Boxes, 50 cents; Pit, 25 cents.

Doors open at 4 to 8 and 4 to 7 o'clock; performances will commence at 2 and 7 1/4 o'clock. my 4—2t

EXTENSIVE SALE OF CHINA, GLASS AND EARTHENWARE AT AUCTION.—Will be sold, at auction, on WEDNESDAY MORNING, the 6th inst., at 10 o'clock, a. m., at No. 16 North Royal street, a very extensive assortment of CHINA, GLASS and EARTHENWARE, comprising handsome and plain dinner and tea sets, tureens, wash-bowls, pitchers, and everything usually kept in a first-class China store. Sale positive.

Terms cash, and sale to continue until the stock is disposed of.

Will also be sold, a fine extension table. Also, all the utensils and fixtures belonging to a bakery.

JOHN S. EMERSON,

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Auctioneer.

PROVOST MARSHAL'S OFFICE,

Alexandria, Va., March 16, 1863.

DISLOYAL PERSONS having taken the oath of allegiance for the purpose of obtaining passes at this office, and then corruptly disregarding their oath, notice is hereby given that no pass will hereafter be given, unless the person applying therefor is known at this office to be loyal, or produces a certificate of loyalty, signed by a person of known fidelity to the government.

By order:

H. H. WELLS,

Lieut. Colonel and Provost Marshal, Alexandria, Va. my 1—1m

Why Not Talk While we Live!

LIVE AND LET LIVE!!!

THAT IS MY MOTTO!!!

I INVITE the ladies of Alexandria to continue patronizing me at my new stand, only recently established, where I keep nothing but the latest styles and new goods at the lowest prices. Polite attention to my customers is my aim; and while I study to please, I never mind the trouble to show goods, and let people have their own choice. All goods sold as cheap as elsewhere.

S. ROSWALD,

178 King street, near Washington, Alexandria, Va. ap 26—tf

FOR ALEXANDRIA, WASHINGTON, AND LANDINGS ON THE POTOMAC RIVER.—The steamer KEYPORT, Capt. E. A. Ryther, will leave pier foot of Barré street, Baltimore, every Friday, at 3 p. m., for Alexandria, Washington, and landings on the Potomac river.

Returning, will leave Washington every Tuesday, at 7 a. m., and Alexandria same day at 8 a. m., for Baltimore and landings on the Potomac river.

Custom House permits must accompany freight for Alexandria and landings on Potomac river.

All freight must be prepaid.

For freight or passage, apply on board or to A. NEEDHAM & SONS, 142 Light street wharf, Baltimore, or to

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BRODERS & CO., Alex'a.